IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims as presented in this Application are as follows:

Claim 1 (previously presented). A tile simulating four tiles with a reticulated mesh support and free assembly which comprises: an upper end and a lower end which are connected by longitudinal edges to define the tile; said upper end comprising connecting means for being connected to the lower end of an adjacent tile, support means being provided along at least one of said longitudinal edges; two upper simulated tile areas and two lower simulated tile areas, both of said simulated tile areas opposite said longitudinal edge having said support means being convex and said two of said simulated tile areas adjacent said longitudinal edge having said support means being concave, each of said simulated tiles having a trapezoid configuration as seen in plan, a generally flat area extending longitudinally between said concave simulated tiles and said longitudinal edge having said support means, said flat area adapted to receive an outboard longitudinal edge of said two convex simulated tiles of an adjoining tile; channel means being provided obliquely across said flat area to guide fluid flow from adjacent said longitudinal edge having said support means to the respective concave simulated tiles.

Claim 2 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 1, wherein as seen in plan the widths of said convex simulated tiles are at least approximately twice the widths of said concave simulated tiles.

Claim 3 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the upper of said simulated tiles are offset upwardly relative to the lower of said simulated tiles.

Claim 4 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said simulated tiles each contain dead air compartments.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 12, wherein the undersides of said simulated tiles comprise peripheral ribs.

Claim 17 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 16, wherein said peripheral ribs define between them trapezoid shaped spaces.

Claim 18 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 12, wherein the undersides of said convex simulated tiles are provided with peripheral relief means.

Claim 19 (previously presented). A tile in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said connecting means comprises at least one channel which is adapted to receive at least one protrusion at the underside of the lower said end of an adjoining tile.

Claim 20 (previously presented). A tile simulating four tiles with a reticulated mesh support and free assembly which comprises: upper and lower ends and lateral sides defining the tile; convex and concave channel zones having a peripheral posterior first step which ends in a peripheral edge comprising a longitudinal ridge second step that includes an undercut outboard upper edge; a third step which is parallel to said first step and which is provided with a channel at the center of said concave channel zone; a fourth step inboard of said second step having a trapezoidal section through which a trapezoidal channel is formed which extends obliquely and inclined downwardly, a longitudinal protrusion having a trapezoidal section which is between the lower of said concave channel zone and inboard of said longitudinal ridge; a descending fifth step in said longitudinal ridge laterally adjacent where said upper and lower concave channel zones join and inboard of said longitudinal ridge, and a flat zone provided longitudinally proximate to the lower end of said concave channel zone which includes a plurality of parallel oblique steps.